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In re Patent Application of

Satoshi Kitayama, et al.

Application No. 09/453,592

Filed: December 3, 1999

For: PHOTOELECTRIC CONVERTER HAVING
A LIGHT RECEIVING PORTION WITH AN
IMPROVED READOUT GATE

) Group Art Unit 2878

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AMENDMENT "B" AFTER FINAL

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, this Amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed March 8, 2002. Applicants respectfully request amendment of the application, and reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 7, the paragraph starting at line 17 is amended as follows:

In this embodiment, the CCD imaging apparatus is constructed so that a part of a gate 12B of the gate 12 which is not related to charge readout (i.e., barrier gate 12B) is cut in a slanted line form from a corner of the photodiode portion 1 to the vertical CCD portion 3, as opposed to the gate portion 2 of Figs. 4A and 4B, whereby the width L_{2-5} or W_4 of a gate portion 12a of a readout gate 12A adjacent to the photodiode portion 1 is widened up to the same width

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